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Note verbale dated 23 May 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and has the honour to submit the Swedish national report on the implementation of resolution 1747 (2007) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 23 May 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

National report by Sweden to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1747 (2007), Sweden submits to the Security Council the following information concerning the steps taken by the European Union (EU) and Sweden with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of the said resolution.

In its letter dated 21 February 2007 the Presidency of the Council of the European Union submitted to the Security Council information on the steps taken by the EU with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), and indicated that further information would follow after formal adoption of the relevant legal instruments by the EU. As the Security Council, on 24 March 2007, adopted Security Council resolution 1747 (2007), which, in its paragraph 8, also calls for a report on its implementation, the following information highlights, in chronological order, the (further) steps taken by the EU with a view to implementing the provisions of both Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007).

Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran, which the Council of the European Union endorsed on 12 February 2007, entered into force on 27 February 2007. Council Regulation 423/2007, which implements this Common Position in the field of exclusive EC jurisdiction, went into effect on 20 April 2007. Following up Security Council resolution 1747 (2007), the Council of the European Union adopted, on 23 April 2007, Common Position 2007/246/CFSP amending Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran. Common Position 2007/246/CFSP imposes a full arms embargo on Iran covering all arms and related materiel, prohibits the procurement of arms and related material from Iran, updates the lists of persons and entities whose travel is being restricted and whose assets are being frozen, and stipulates that EU Member States shall not enter into new commitments for grants, financial assistance and concessional loans to the Government of Iran, including through their participation in international financial institutions, except for humanitarian and development purposes. Commission Regulation 441/2007, which entered into force on 21 April, amended Council Regulation 423/2007 by including the persons and entities whose assets are to be frozen according to Security Council resolution 1747 (2007) in the annex of Council Regulation 423/2007.

Preparations are also under way to adopt without delay a further Council Regulation. The text was finalized at the working level and will be adopted by the Council as soon as the draft has been translated into all official languages.

On the national level, the Swedish Government has reviewed what steps and adjustments to the existing practice of the concerned authorities need to be undertaken as a result of the resolution and the EC regulation. The Government maintains a close dialogue with those national authorities, whose area of responsibility corresponds to the restrictive measures of the resolution and the regulation. These include the authorities in charge of national export controls, the

financial system and institutions, immigration, education and research. The objective is that all relevant authorities should be fully aware of the requirements and make the necessary adjustment in order to be able to enforce the new regulations. At the same time, work is undertaken in order to determine whether, or to what extent and in which ways, certain national regulations need to be amended. If this is found to be the case, the Government will undertake those changes on an urgent basis. A case in point is the prohibition of procurement of arms and related material from Iran, contained in operative paragraph 5 of resolution 1747, which requires a new Swedish regulation. The process of adopting the necessary regulation is under way.